



SUBSTANCE ABUSE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORK GROUP

April 21, 2010

1:00 p.m.

Arizona Governor's Office
1700 West Washington Street
Conference Room –Second Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85007

A general meeting of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group (Epi Work Group) was convened on April 21, 2010 at the Arizona Governor's Office 1700 West Washington Street, Conference Room-Second Floor, Phoenix, AZ 85007, notice having been duly given. Present and absent were the following members of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group:

Members Present (11)	
Phillip Stevenson, Chair, AZ Criminal Justice Commission	
Wendy Wolfersteig, Vice-Chair, Arizona State University	
Meena Shahi, First Things First	
Douglas Kramer, Treatment Assessment Screening Center, Inc.	
Jody Sekerak, Indian Health Service	
Richard Porter, Arizona Department of Health Services	
Zeenat Mahal, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.	
Dennis Embry, Paxis Institute (via teleconference)	
Michelle Anderson, Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections	
Michael Dolny, Arizona Department of Corrections (via teleconference)	
David Choate, Arizona State University	
Staff/Guests Present (8)	Members Absent (6)
Jeanne Blackburn, GOCYF, DSAP	Sgt. Gail Spore, AZ Department of Public Safety
Sonya Pierce-Johnson, GOCYF, DSAP	Amy Stuart, AZ Administrative Office of the Courts
Brittany Martin, ACJC	Gowri Shetty, ADHS
Michelle Neitch, ACJC	Catherine Osborn, AZ Department of Education
Shana Malone, ACJC	Katherine Guffey, AZ Department of Economic Security
Kelly Snyder, ACJC	Emma Kibisu, AZ Department of Health Services
Michael Vigil, AZ National Guard	
Richard Mabry, AZ National Guard	



A. **Call to Order**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. with eleven (11) members, two (2) staff and six (6) guests present.

B. **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** asked each member to introduce him/herself.

C. **Review of Packet and Agenda**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** reviewed the packet and agenda with the members.

D. **Approval of Minutes**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** requested a review of the February 17, 2010 meeting minutes.
 - **Richard Porter** moved to approve the meeting minutes.
 - **Meena Shahi** seconded the motion.
 - With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (11) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

E. **Announcements**

- **Wendy Wolfersteig** reported that results of the 2008 Saint Luke's Arizona Health Survey are available on the Saint Luke's website.
- **Wendy Wolfersteig** shared a mock-up of the Substance Abuse Epidemiology poster to be presented at the Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center conference.
- **Dennis Embry** reported that he will be presenting on reimbursable evidence-based practices/policies for the prevention of emotional, behavioral, mental, and substance abuse disorders under 3rd party payment in Denver in May.
- **Meena Shahi** reported that First Things First has current grant opportunities posted on its website.
- **Jeanne Blackburn** reported that she will be presenting results from the 2009 *Substance Abuse Epidemiology Profile* at the Summer Institute hosted by Arizona State University's Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy in Sedona in July. She provided each member with a copy of the report and indicated a future printing would allow a copy for all members of the Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership, its subcommittees, and all county boards of supervisors. The report is available electronically on the GOCYF website.
 - **Chair Phillip Stevenson** thanked the work group for their contributions to the report.
- **Michelle Anderson** reported that the Arizona Evaluation Network (AZENet) will host a conference this week on social network analysis and cultural competency.

F. **Membership**

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** asked the group to review the membership of this body and asked about the process/protocols related to membership changes.
 - **Jeanne Blackburn** explained that the Work Group makes recommendations but that ASAP has final approval of the membership.
 - **David Choate** suggested that an offer of membership be extended to agencies and groups not currently represented (e.g., Arizona Department of Transportation, National Guard/military/veterans).



- **Jeanne Blackburn** suggested that the Veterans Administration or another veteran's organization be included in order to bring data to bear on the issues surrounding this population and she discussed how such membership will be beneficial to Arizona's participation in the upcoming *Returning Service Members, Veterans and their Family Members Policy Academy*.
- The group members discussed inviting subject matter experts to attend meetings when needed rather than sitting as official members of the group.
- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** requested that members examine the participation of the current membership and think about any gaps in data that could be filled through the inclusion of additional members and provide Jeanne Blackburn with those potential members/agency names.

G. ASAP Update

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** provided an update from the March 4, 2010 Arizona Substance Abuse Partnership (ASAP) meeting, including its 2010 strategic plan; sub-committee reports; two coalition presentations; and a "tabletop" exercise on Drug Endangered Children (DEC) that involved the use of scenarios designed to engage members in conversation about how these cases would be addressed.
 - **Jeanne Blackburn** added that ASAP is increasingly interactive and will continue to host two coalitions at each upcoming meeting and noted that the next meeting on May 6, 2010 will focus on underage drinking. She also discussed ASAP's drug-endangered children strategic focus area, indicating that a goal of the Arizona Alliance for Drug Endangered Children is to establish an alliance in each county, about which she and Richard Rosky of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program will be presenting in Gila County.

H. Underage Drinking Cost Savings Analysis

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** noted that Arizona has done an excellent job of decreasing the prevalence of underage drinking but the 2005 and 2007 underage drinking cost-savings analysis conducted by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE) indicates that the costs due to youth violence have nonetheless increased.
 - **Wendy Wolfersteig** and **David Choate** agreed that the data used to determine the costs related to youth violence need to be examined.
 - **Jeanne Blackburn** reported that she has reached out to PIRE in an attempt to get clarification regarding the increase.

I. Work Plan for 2010

- **Zeenat Mahal** requested the addition of a timeline to the strategic plan.
- **Meena Shahi** requested that outcomes be added to the strategic plan after the goals and objectives have been more clearly defined.
- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** recommended that within the next four weeks, the work group send Jeanne Blackburn a suggested mission statement and three goals and indicated that the work group will review these at the next meeting and vote on their approval.
 - **Jeanne Blackburn** reported that the Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group work plan will be incorporated into the ASAP strategic plan upon its completion.

J. Future Agenda Items

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** encouraged members of the work group and the public to submit future agenda items to Jeanne Blackburn through the suggestion form provided in their packets or via email.
- **Meena Shahi** recommended having the results of the St. Luke's survey presented at a future meeting.



K. Call to Public

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** made a call to the public.
- **Michelle Neitch** indicated that the Arizona Youth Survey is currently being administered in schools, with data collection completed within the next month. Approximately 400 schools have volunteered to participate.
- No additional public comments were made.

L. Adjournment

- **Chair Phillip Stevenson** moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:41 p.m.
- **Richard Porter** seconded the motion.
- With no further discussion, the motion passed with eleven (11) ayes, zero (0) nays and zero (0) members abstaining from the vote.

Dated the 24th day of April 2010
Substance Abuse Epidemiology Work Group
Respectfully Submitted By:

Jeanne Blackburn
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Division for Substance Abuse Policy